



To the Owners and Operators of Campgrounds in South Bruce Peninsula

April 6, 2020

The Province continues to work on ways to protect Ontarians. This letter is to provide information to the campgrounds in South Bruce Peninsula regarding your business practices during the COVID19 pandemic.

Campgrounds are **not** considered by the Province to be an essential service. As such your campground must be closed with the following exception:

People who have no other residence in Canada are permitted to take up residence in campgrounds. People making this claim **must** have identification which supports their residency status. Government officials will require this information when enforcing the Provincial order.

What does this mean for campground owners and operators? You must do your due diligence to ensure that anyone you permit to take up residence in your campground truly does not have a residence elsewhere in Canada. Additionally, you are not permitted to open any pools, fitness centres, meeting rooms or other recreational facilities which may be part of the operation. You must also ensure that those persons considering your campground to be their only Canadian residence practice self-isolation and social distancing, as per Provincial order.

Attached you will find a letter from the Minister of the Attorney General and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. This letter explains the expectations of the Province regarding campgrounds.

Also attached is an excerpt from the offences section of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, 1990, as amended. The Province is enforcing the orders made during the declared emergency.

If you have questions about how the provincial orders impact your business, please contact the Province of Ontario Stop the Spread Business Information Line at 1-888-444-3659.

We are experiencing unprecedented times. Together we can make a difference.

Yours very truly,

Brad McRoberts, MPA, P. Eng.,
Chief Administrative Officer

Excerpt from the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, 1990, as amended

Offences

7.0.11 (1) Every person who fails to comply with an order under [subsection 7.0.2 \(4\)](#) or who interferes with or obstructs any person in the exercise of a power or the performance of a duty conferred by an order under that subsection is guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction,

(a) in the case of an individual, subject to clause (b), to a fine of not more than \$100,000 and for a term of imprisonment of not more than one year;

(b) in the case of an individual who is a director or officer of a corporation, to a fine of not more than \$500,000 and for a term of imprisonment of not more than one year; and

(c) in the case of a corporation, to a fine of not more than \$10,000,000. 2006, c. 13, s. 1 (4).

Separate offence

(2) A person is guilty of a separate offence on each day that an offence under subsection (1) occurs or continues. 2006, c. 13, s. 1 (4).

Increased penalty

(3) Despite the maximum fines set out in subsection (1), the court that convicts a person of an offence may increase a fine imposed on the person by an amount equal to the financial benefit that was acquired by or that accrued to the person as a result of the commission of the offence. 2006, c. 13, s. 1 (4).

Exception

(4) No person shall be charged with an offence under subsection (1) for failing to comply with or interference or obstruction in respect of an order that is retroactive to a date that is specified in the order, if the failure to comply, interference or obstruction is in respect of conduct that occurred before the order was made but is after the retroactive date specified in the order. 2006, c. 13, s. 1 (4).

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April 4, 2020

Dear Head of Council:

**Subject: Operation of Seasonal Trailer Parks and Recreational Campgrounds –
Amended Essential Business Order as of April 3, 2020**

Nothing is more important than protecting the health and well-being of Ontarians. Since first learning of COVID-19, Ontario has taken decisive action to contain the spread of this new virus.

Based on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the province has declared an emergency so that we can take immediate action to stop the spread of COVID-19 and protect the public. On Tuesday, March 24th, the province ordered the mandatory closure of all non-essential workplaces pursuant to Ontario Regulation 82/20 under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*. On April 3, 2020 the province released an amended list of essential workplaces and ordered all businesses not covered by the amended emergency order to close their physical locations effective as of Saturday, April 4, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

Seasonal trailer parks and recreational campgrounds are not listed as essential businesses and, as such, are required to be closed as of 11:59 p.m. today.

We recognize Ontario “snowbirds” are returning to Canada earlier than they normally would. In some instances, seasonal trailer parks and campgrounds may have been opened earlier than usual to permit individuals to take up temporary accommodation in their mobile homes, recreational vehicles or trailers. For Ontarians whose only Canadian residence is at one of these seasonal trailer parks or campgrounds, they are permitted to continue their occupancy and complete their mandatory self-isolation as required by the mandatory isolation order made by the federal government under the *Quarantine Act* which took effect on March 25, 2020.

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Everyone has a role to play in stopping the spread of COVID-19 and we are asking that our enforcement partners assist in this effort. We encourage you to assist in enforcement efforts to ensure that seasonal trailer parks and/or campgrounds are not being used for recreational purposes. We encourage you to work with park operators and local public health officials in this regard, including to take into consideration the continued need for accommodation of those individuals outlined above.

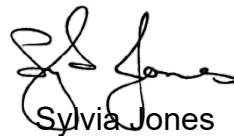
Officers are encouraged to undertake a graduated approach to enforcement of the emergency orders, which may include educational messaging to businesses around the emergency order, specific warnings, the issuance of a ticket under Part I of the Provincial Offences Act (POA) or a summons under Part III of the POA. Officers are also encouraged to review the applicable provincial and federal emergency orders, and to continue to monitor [ontario.ca/alert](https://www.ontario.ca/alert) for any updates or changes to provincial orders.

By staying home and avoiding contact with others we can stop the spread of COVID-19. Thank you for your continued cooperation on this matter.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs
and Housing



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